

Dear Acton governing members:

My name is Janice Vuolo and my husband, Tony and I moved to Acton from Cheshire, CT almost 6 years ago to be closer to our grandchildren. We live in a duplex townhouse at 8 Preston Way as members of the Robbins Brook Condominium Association.

We chose Acton with its substantial tax base because of our respect for education (we are retired Connecticut educators). We also chose to live in an over 55 community.

We pay the town of Acton just over \$6000 in taxes and figure that the over 120 residents of independent living here in Robbins Brook pay at least one-half million dollars in taxes yearly and if you include the Robbins Brook Inn, which is part of our association, we contribute at least \$750,000 in taxes on a yearly basis.

I suspect that as a group we also contribute greatly to Acton businesses since, as seniors we are more likely to patronize local businesses rather than travel greater distances for discount stores and malls.

We chose Acton because we believed that a town that valued its education system, would also value its senior citizens. We have no children in the Acton schools, we tend to our own roads, we furnish our own street lighting, but we do ask a few things in return for our taxes.

We ask for:

- 1) safety from fire: a fire station in North Acton would make us feel safer.
- 2) clean, safe water: we appreciate the water treatment plant, but worry about fuels contaminating our ground water.
- 3) clean, fresh air: all should be concerned, but as we age, pollutants are more dangerous for our health.
- 4) a reasonably quiet neighborhood.

We are certainly supportive of business in Acton. We had no objections to the business Trudeau International was operating prior to 2011. The outdoor ventures instituted in 2011 were a change in purpose and in violation of the Acton zoning regulations.

Trudeau International wants to continue and expand their business. The proposed zoning changes (f, g and o) would allow Mr. Trudeau to expand this business. Tony and I are concerned about the impact and the unintended consequences of these changes on our senior community.

We ask that you not bring these proposed zoning changes to the town meeting this year and that you think long and hard about where in Acton you might want to allow such businesses to reside.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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